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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Report of the Drafting Committee

1. At its 1700th meeting, on 14 May 1993, the Trusteeship Council appointed a drafting committee composed of the representatives of China, France, the Russian Federation and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to prepare draft conclusions and recommendations of the Trusteeship Council at its sixtieth session to be included in its report to the Security Council.

2. The drafting committee held one meeting on 14 May, and decided to forward the draft conclusions and recommendations set out in the annex to the present report to the Council for its consideration.

Annex

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Political advancement

1. The Trusteeship Council takes note of the adoption on 22 December 1990, by the Security Council, as proposed by all members of the Trusteeship Council, of resolution 683 (1990), in which the Security Council expressed its hope that the people of Palau would be able in due course to complete the process of freely exercising their right to self-determination.

2. The Trusteeship Council notes the statement by the Vice-President of Palau on 12 May (T/PV.1698) that the leadership of Palau desires an end to the trusteeship at an early date and, to that end, has decided to hold a plebiscite scheduled for 27 July 1993 in Palau on the Compact of Free Association with the United States of America. a/

3. The Trusteeship Council expresses the hope that the people of Palau will thus be able to complete the process of exercising freely their right to self-determination, and that it will be possible to terminate the Trusteeship Agreement b/ in the very near future.

4. The Trusteeship Council, having been invited by the Administering Authority, decides to dispatch a Mission to observe the plebiscite and requests the Mission to submit on its return a report containing such conclusions and recommendations as it may wish to make.

B. Economic, social and educational advancement

5. The Trusteeship Council notes that the people of the Trust Territory, in the exercise of their right to self-government as set out in Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations, have elected to assume full responsibility for administration in the economic, social and educational fields.

6. The Trusteeship Council notes with satisfaction the recent improvements reported in the economic, social and educational fields, including public health, tourism and fisheries. It expresses the hope that further progress will continue to be made in these and other fields. In particular it draws attention to the continuing requirement for qualified health-care personnel, an effective marine enforcement programme, preservation of the environment, and for the expeditious resolution of land issues.

7. The Trusteeship Council expresses the hope that the Administering Authority will continue to do what it can to assist the people of the Territory to attain greater economic self-sufficiency through responsible economic development. In this context, the Trusteeship Council welcomes the progress made by the Administering Authority, the United Nations Development Programme and the Government of Palau towards the National Master Development Plan which will provide a framework for the future economic development, and enhanced economic self-sufficiency, of Palau.

C. General

8. The Trusteeship Council notes with satisfaction the assurances given by the Administering Authority that it will continue to fulfil its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations and under the Trusteeship Agreement.

9. The Trusteeship Council takes note of the statement by the Administering Authority in its current annual report, that it continues to have no plans to establish military bases in Palau.

Notes

a/ The Compact of Free Association between Palau and the United States is described in the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Observe the Plebiscite in Palau, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, February 1983 (Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (T/1851)). Amendments to the Compact, agreed to in January 1986, are contained in the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Observe the Plebiscite in Palau, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, February 1986 (ibid., Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 2 (T/1885)).

b/ Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (United Nations publication, Sales No. 1957.VI.A.1).